



Community CRC has sensed that in recent years God is inviting us to participate more fully in God's generous welcome, to be the body of Christ that opens its arms to all people, and makes room at Christ's table. We hope this series of services will open hearts and minds to the work of welcoming, and also intensify the hunger for the rewards that come to those who welcome the stranger.

Welcome | If you are new to Community CRC, we would like to get to know you! Fill out the Connect card at the Information Centre, or scan the QR code to fill it out electronically.



Childcare | There is nursery for infants, toddlers, and 2-year-olds in the back hall of the church.

Sunday School | Children ages 3 + 4 are invited to Sunday School in Classroom 1 following the children's blessing in the worship service. Children must be signed in and out by a parent/guardian.

Sermon Discussion Group | There is no sermon discussion for children in grades 4 to 6 today. This group will resume next week.

Dive Into Doctrine | There is no Dive Into Doctrine for children in grades 7 and 8 today. This group will resume next week.

Children's Worship Centre | Located in the foyer just past the Info Centre, our Children's Worship Centre has children's bulletins, books, sermon note-taking sheets, and more to help our young members stay present and engaged in our worship service.

Accessibility | The sanctuary is equipped with a T-loop or listening devices are at the tech booth.

Worship Info | If you need to leave the sanctuary due to sensory concerns, feeling unwell, or to feed an infant, you are welcome to use the viewing windows that look into the sanctuary, including the one in the Community Room. An usher can direct you to the volume knob for the speakers near the window. Our church is committed to providing a scent-free environment to accommodate individuals with allergies. We kindly ask that you refrain from wearing perfume or scented products each week.

10:00 AM Worship Service

Preacher: Pastor Tom van Milligen **Elder-in-Charge:** Harriette Mostert

GATHERING AND GREETING

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

“Oh Give Thanks (Psalm 107)”

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

“Goodness Of God”

God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Prayers of the People

Children’s Blessing

Children ages 3 + 4 are dismissed for Sunday school

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60

Sermon

The Nation’s Gifts

Prayer of Application

Offering

1) Ministries of Community CRC

2) Food Bank Of Waterloo Region

Offertory

“Narekele Mo”

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Communion Blessing

“And The Table Will be Wide” © Jan Richardson

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Song of Preparation

“We Will Feast In The House Of Zion”

The Thanksgiving

The Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Serving Carbonaut gluten-free bread and 100% grape juice

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

“Table Plenty” (LUYH #808)

“Ten Thousand Reasons (Bless The Lord)” (LUYH #559)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessing

Doxology

“Now Thank We All Our God” (LUYH #543)

(LUYH numbers) refer to the Lift Up Your Hearts hymnals available at the back of the sanctuary.

There will be no refreshments in the gym following the service.
The library is also closed this week for the Thanksgiving holiday.

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

This Week's Events | www.ccrc.on.ca/events

Prayer List | Copies of the October prayer list are available at the Information Centre and online each week in the Friday bulletin email.

Knifty Knitters | Calling all knitters and crocheters! The Knifty Knitters will be meeting in the Multi-Purpose room on Thursday, October 15 at 9:30 AM. Please join us!

Young Adults Gathering | Are you in your 20's or 30's and looking for meaningful conversation and great company? Join us Thursday, October 15 from 7:30 – 9 PM at Ben Thanh Restaurant (500 Fairway Rd S, Kitchener) for a relaxed night of discussing faith, culture, and life together. Contact Youth Elders Adrian Kleinikink at adriankleinikink@gmail.com or Adam Herfst at adamcarterh@gmail.com for more information.

CCRC Mission Trip Opportunity | Travel with a group from our church this January for a 10-day learning and witness trip hosted by Henk & Rosario Stronks. You will see firsthand the incredible work being done at various mission fields that Resonate, World Renew and Henk & Rosario are involved in. An information meeting will be held in the Community Room next Sunday, October 18 immediately after the morning service. If you are interested but cannot attend, connect with Pete Hansma at pete.hansma@gmail.com.

ROOTED Youth Group | Attention grades 5-12! Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 20 for bible study, games and activities. Bring a friend!

Congregational Engagement | As the working groups are meeting to promote progress in congregational ministry regarding our

relationship to the CRCNA, Belonging and Inclusion, Youth Ministry, and Communities, they would love your input! [Congregational Engagement Form - Working Groups](#) or contact the office for a paper copy.

STAFF INFORMATION

The church office will be closed tomorrow, October 12 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

PASTOR TOM'S POST-IT NOTE

Are you a glass half empty person, or a glass half full type? Which do you think this congregation needs right now? As you celebrate Thanksgiving, may you drink from the saucer (because your cup is running over).

This week in Kitchener: Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Date	Time	Details
Oct. 18	10 AM	Mrs. Harriette Mostert
Oct. 25	10 AM	Rev. Mike Veenema
Nov. 1	10 AM	Pastor Kevin DeRaaf

Baptism Sundays | The next Baptism Sundays are November 1 & January 24. If interested in baptism, contact the church office at office@ccrc.on.ca.

OFFERING

Give Online | For details on giving through the Bridge App, visit www.ccrc.on.ca/give.

Upcoming Offerings:

October 18 | Thrive: Disability Access

October 25 | Laurentian Hills Christian School

November 1 | World Renew: World Hunger

Offerings Received as of October 4, 2026:

Budget Offerings		
October 4, 2026 (including online)	\$	32,053
Year-to-date Budget Contributions	\$	404,501
Budgeted 2026 Total Contributions	\$	675,000
Second Offerings (including online)		
Thrive: Racial Justice	\$	710
CCRC Benevolence Fund	\$	767
Missionary Support	\$	565
Resonate Global Mission	\$	372
CCRC Serve and Learn Fund	\$	417
Food Bank	\$	325
New Ground	\$	180

* Bridge App donations are reported once a month

Today's Offering | Food Bank

The Food Bank of Waterloo Region is committed to providing emergency food assistance and support throughout the region, so that no one experiences hunger.

The Deacons would like to thank everyone who donated non-perishable food items for the Food Bank over the past three weeks.

CHURCH FAMILY

Our hearts are heavy once again as we mourn the sudden loss of our dear brother **Rob Drost** on Tuesday, October 6. We lift up his wife **Carolyn** (3-South), children, Brad, Kevin and Ashley; his siblings, Donna & John (Laura, Ryan & Jared) Vandervelde (1-West), Dave (Steve, Katelyn & Jaimie) Drost (1-West); cousin Jeff & Laura Drost (1-West) and extended family as they journey through this season of grief. Visitation will be October 13 from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm, and the funeral on October 14 at 10 am with a luncheon to follow, all held at Community CRC. May God comfort all who mourn and surround them with His peace.

Hanni Gebre & Misfin Kassa (5-Doon) are new attenders at Community CRC who are refugee claimants from Ethiopia. While they await a decision from the government regarding their

application, Hanni & Misfin have been in the "open homes" program to receive housing. Unfortunately their housing expires in one weeks time, and they are **desperately seeking accommodations and looking for work**. If you have housing or employment options or know of any leads (temporary or permanent), they would love to hear from you by emailing aregashmamo2@gmail.com. Hanni & Misfin have been heavily involved in ministry in Ethiopia (Misfin is an ordained pastor) and they are a lovely couple who are excited to be a part of our fellowship - we welcome them and all our newcomers to Community CRC!

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Christian Singles Mixer | Adults 25-40(ish) are invited to a casual social event with get to know each other games on Friday, October 16. Cost is \$20 – click on the [LINK](#) for more information and to register.

Moving Forward in Faith 2026 | This year's conference will equip you with practical skills and spiritual insights to better serve your neighbours and local community. A 25% group discount is available for churches sending 5 or more members. Contact Conference Organizer Cathy Fraser, at cfraser@crcna.org for your special discount code. Workshop descriptions and registration information are now available: resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-2026. Take advantage of early bird rates until October 18!

75th Anniversary | Stratford Christian Reformed Church will be celebrating 75 years of ministry in November, 2026! To commemorate this anniversary, the church will host a special weekend of events open to the community. On Saturday, November 21, the church will hold a public open house from 10 AM - 1 PM at 190 Athlone Crescent, Stratford featuring building tours and refreshments. A dinner for current

and former members will take place later that evening. If you would like to attend, tickets are available through the office. On Sunday, November 22, a special anniversary worship service will be held at 10 AM, followed by coffee and cake, and a soup lunch. If you have a story, a favourite memory or would like to send your greetings to the Stratford congregation, email office@stratfordcrc.org.

Kids Corner Devotions: Letter to God | Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Letter to God" at www.kidscorner.net. To help your prayer life, try using a prayer journal. It's like writing letters to God. You can tell him your thoughts, dreams, worries, and feelings. It's a way of talking to God and listening to what he might be saying. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>

Register Today for Moving Forward in Faith | Early bird registration for Moving Forward in Faith Conference ends next Sunday, October 18! The keynote speaker, Victor Ko (Pastor and Church Planter, mosaicHouse CRC) will share insights on shifting in our churches and communities. With over 20 dynamic workshops, inspiring plenary sessions and times of worship, this conference will equip you with practical skills and spiritual insights to better serve your local community. Visit the event website today for details on workshops and registration: resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-2026 and join us November 13-14.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip | Thankfulness is an important faith practice. Each day between now and Thanksgiving, notice the things in your life that you can give thanks for. Write those things on slips of paper and collect them in a jar or box to read during your Thanksgiving celebration. Visit crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject/gratitude for other ways to respond with thankfulness for God's goodness, love, provision, and grace. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Diaconal Ministries 25th Anniversary Event | Diaconal Ministries Canada is celebrating 25 years of being a national organization. Join us October 17 at 7pm at the Perkins Centre (1429 Main St E, Hamilton). We will share stories of the past 25 years, celebrate what is happening today and look forward to the next 25 years of Diaconal Ministries Canada. Come see old friends and meet new ones who are passionate about what God is doing through the work of the local church in communities across Canada. To register go to <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/25th-anniversary-celebration-11> or email dmc@crcna.org

MISCELLANEOUS

Dessert & Benefit Auction | Woodland Christian High School's annual Dessert & Benefit Auction is only two weeks away! Join us this Saturday, October 17, starting at 5 PM for a great night of food, desserts, bidding, and community fun as Woodland marks 50 years of Christian education. There's still time to get involved! Alumni, past Woodland families, local businesses, and friends of the school are invited to support the auction through an item donation, service, experience, gift certificate, or sponsorship. All proceeds go directly to the Woodland Tuition Assistance Fund, helping more families access a Christ-centred education. Bring some friends, come ready to bid, and join us for a great Woodland night! Visit woodland.on.ca for event details and information on donating or sponsoring.



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